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Applicant: Massimiliano Barone  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPRESSING  
REPETITIVE DATA, IN PARTICULAR DATA USED IN  
MEMORY DEVICE TESTING  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

October 12, 2006

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Notice of Allowability in this case mailed July 12, 2006, the Applicants, acting through their attorney, comment as follows. The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing the claims but do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and, moreover, respectfully submit that the claims may be allowable for other reasons.

Also in the Examiner's reasons for allowance the Examiner points to a particular element recited in each of the claims and indicates each independent claim is allowable because the prior art does not teach or suggest this particular

element. While applicants agree with the Examiner's indication that the prior art does not teach or disclose the particular element cited by the Examiner, the undersigned would like to note that each claim includes a combination of elements and it is the recited combination, which includes the element cited by the Examiner, that is not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art.

Finally, while the combinations of elements recited in the allowed claims are allowable, the undersigned would like to point out that some or all of these individual elements may be broadened such that the resulting combination is still patentable. Applicants may elect to pursue such claims, or to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the present invention, through a continuation or reissue application, or through a reexamination proceeding.

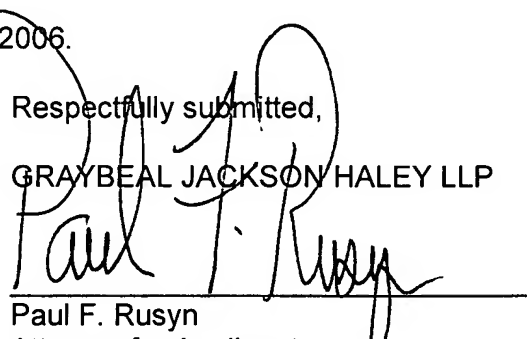
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DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

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